### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**DECEMBER 31, 2009 and 2008** 

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# OFFICIALS

# December 31, 2009

Name	Title	Term Expires
Timothy J. McCulloh	Trustee Resigned A	aug 28, 2009
William B. Spencer.	Trustee	Dec 31, 2009
Philip J. Dorweiler	Trustee	Dec 31, 2010
Karen Novak Swalwell.	Trustee	Dec 31, 2011
Gwen A. Swanger.	Trustee (Started August 29, 2009)	Dec 31, 2012
Brian P. Rickert.	Trustee	Dec 31, 2013
Jerald W. Stevens	General Manager/Secretary	. Indefinite
William H. Garrett	Assistant General Manager	. Indefinite
John R. Luther.	Superintendent	. Indefinite
Paula R. Meyer	Accountant/Treasurer	. Indefinite

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees West Des Moines Water Works

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, as listed in the table of contents of this report, of the West Des Moines Water Works, West Des Moines, Iowa, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of West Des Moines Water Works' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the West Des Moines Water Works, West Des Moines, Iowa, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 5, 2010 on our consideration of the West Des Moines Water Works' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of the audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 7 and pages 32 through 34 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the aforementioned financial statements that collectively comprise West Des Moines Water Works' basic financial statements. Other supplementary information included on pages 35 through 39 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the aforementioned financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the aforementioned financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying statistical section on page 40 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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West Des Moines, Iowa

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2009

West Des Moines Water Works (Water Works) provides this management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. Please consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements that follow this section.

### **OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The service area of the Water Works has expanded significantly since its governing Board of Trustees was established by election in 1950. The service area is the corporate limits of West Des Moines. The Water Works also provides billing and collection services on a contractual basis to the City of West Des Moines for sanitary sewer usage, storm water management, and solid waste collection, and meter reading service to the City of Clive and the City of Waukee.

As the Water Works' service area has expanded, so too has the need for water storage facilities, booster stations and additional treatment capacity to meet peak demand requirements. The most economical approach for the Water Works has involved requiring the land developers to install the water mains according to Water Works Specifications after which the Water Works accepts ownership of the water facilities.

The water sources for the Water Works are three wells drilled into the Jordan Aquifer and nineteen wells that draw water from the Raccoon River Alluvial Aquifer. In addition, some West Des Moines water is purchased from the Des Moines Water Works.

Governance of the Water Works is vested in a five-member Board appointed by the Mayor of West Des Moines with approval of the City Council. Trustees serve for six-year staggered terms. The Board has complete control of the Water Works' management, and employs 37 full-time and two part-time seasonal employees.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

West Des Moines Water Works' net assets increased as a result of operations. At December 31, 2009, total assets were \$78,701,194 and total liabilities were \$24,786,422 resulting in net assets of \$53,914,772.

Operating revenues increased 2.5% to \$10,085,241 while operating expenses increased 8.8% to \$8,503,517.

During the year, the Water Works had an operating income of \$1,581,724 and an increase in net assets of \$1,077,012.

### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

MD&A serves as an introduction to the financial statements, and the MD&A represents management's examination and analysis of West Des Moines Water Works' financial condition and performance. The financial statements report information about the utility using full accrual accounting methods as utilized by similar entities in the private sector.

The balance sheets provide information about the Water Works' assets, liabilities, and net assets, thereby measuring the utility's liquidity and solvency. Liquidity is a measure of the Water Works' ability to meet current obligations (those due within one year). Solvency is a similar concept, but measures the ongoing ability to meet obligations over a longer term.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents the results of the Water Works' revenues and expenses over the course of the year and provides information about the Water Works' recovery of costs. Water rates and other charges are established by the Board of Trustees and are based on Water Works' cost of service.

The statement of cash flows presents cash receipts, cash disbursements, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities. This statement details where cash resources come from and how they are used.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures and other information that are essential to a full understanding of data provided in the statements. The notes supplement the basic financial statements by presenting information about the Water Works' accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, and commitments.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also provides certain required supplementary information, concerning the West Des Moines Water Works, including progress in funding its obligation to provide retiree healthcare and a budgetary comparison based on the West Des Moines Water Works' legal level of budgetary control. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 32 through 34 of this report.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE WEST DES MOINES WATER WORKS

The following financial information serves as the key financial data and indicators for management, monitoring, and planning.

### Summary of Balance Sheets at Year End

	2009	2008
Current unrestricted assets	\$ 3,121,160	\$ 3,864,309
Current restricted assets	6,985,943	5,993,904
Capital assets, net	68,426,457	69,688,197
Other assets	167,634	189,215
Total assets	\$ 78,701,194	\$ 79,735,625
Current liabilities	\$ 5,207,095	\$ 5,763,460
Long term liabilities	17,591,572	19,124,585
Other liabilities	1,987,755	2,009,820
Total liabilities	24,786,422	26,897,865

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	47,386,997	46,280,207
Restricted	3,860,885	3,220,858
Unrestricted	2,666,890	3,336,695
Total net assets	53,914,772	52,837,760
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 78,701,194	\$ 79,735,625

### Summary of Changes in Net Assets for the Years Ended December 31,

	2009	2008
Water sales	\$ 8,300,746	\$ 7,543,132
Connection fees	497,955	903,026
Other sales and services	1,286,540	1,389,118
Total operating revenue	10,085,241	9,835,276
Salaries and benefits	3,284,580	3,060,237
Chemicals and power	756,131	647,593
Purchased water	631,275	542,175
Insurance	121,273	124,092
Maintenance and supplies	495,370	597,420
Depreciation Depreciation	2,478,527	2,290,499
Other	736,361	550,748
Total operating expenses	8,503,517	7,812,764
Operating income	1,581,724	2,022,512
Interest income	177,768	268,724
Rental income	126,188	126,153
Interest expense	(776,890)	(823,514)
Other, net	(31,778)	(19,133)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(504,712)	(447,770)
Income before contributions	1,077,012	1,574,742
Capital contributions		721,441
Change in net assets	1,077,012	2,296,183
Net assets, beginning of year	52,837,760	50,541,577
Net assets, end of year	\$ 53,914,772	\$ 52,837,760

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Current assets (not restricted) decreased 19.2% primarily due to a decrease in cash, which was used to pay for capital projects.

Current liabilities decreased 9.7% primarily due to a decrease in construction payables.

Long-term liabilities decreased 8.0% due to the pay down of Water Works bonds.

Water sales increased 10.0% primarily due to a water rate increase January 1, 2009, but also due to an increase in the number of customers.

Connection fees decreased 44.9% primarily due to the economic downturn and a reduction in construction permits issued.

Other sales and services decreased 7.4% for a variety of reasons which included the following. EPA grant reimbursement decreased by 59.3% due to a decrease in expenses which were reimbursed in 2009, sales of materials decreased 23.9% due to a decrease in the number of new water taps made, and construction inspection fees decreased 45.6% due to a decrease in new water main inspections.

Chemicals and power expenses increased 16.8% due to rate increases in 2009.

Purchased water expense increased 16.4% primarily due to a 15% rate increase.

Cost of corporate insurance decreased 2.3%.

Maintenance and supplies expense decreased 17.1% due to lower well maintenance costs than expected. Maintenance projects for 2009 included well maintenance in the amount of \$64,012, and the maintenance to the distribution system in the amount of \$116,811.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

During 2009, net capital assets decreased \$1,261,740 or 1.8%. In addition to replacing unlined cast iron water mains, the Water Works is engaged in a multi-year capital project to build a two million gallon water tower and upgrading our security and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems (SCADA).

### **DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

At December 31, 2009, the Water Works had \$19,124,585 in water revenue bonds outstanding, compared to \$20,636,838 at December 31, 2008 as shown below.

Outstan	ding Debt at Year-End	d	
	2	009	2008
Water revenue bonds	\$ 19,12	24,585	\$ 20,636,836

Debt decreased in the amount of \$1,512,253. Principal and interest payments on all outstanding debt were made as scheduled.

### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Board of Trustees approved a conservative operating budget increase for 2010. The connection fee revenue estimate and other construction and development related revenue estimates in the 2010 budget have been reduced due to the economic downturn, and slowing of new construction and development. Effective January 1, 2010, water rates increased from \$4.10 to \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons. Water rates are designed only to cover the cost of water service to the customers.

### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of West Des Moines Water Works' finances. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the General Manager at 4200 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 1D, West Des Moines, IA 50265-2049.



## BALANCE SHEETS

# December 31, 2009 and 2008

ASS	ETS		LIABILITIES AN	ID NET ASSETS	
	2009	2008		2009	2008
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Cash	\$ 1,757,137	\$ 2,482,537	Accounts payable	\$ 140,351	\$ 262,136
Investments	69,579	272,139	Accrued payroll	32,468	100,488
Accounts receivable	1,074,564	831,152	Accrued vacation	130,198	121,026
Inventory	82,435	124,580	Accrued sick leave	34,085	-
Unexpired insurance	59,031	62,242	Accrued sales tax	45,311	22,383
Unamortized bond discount	7,036	14,545	Deferred revenue	40,468	40,468
Unamortized bond issue costs	14,545	7,036	Bond premium	2,448	2,448
Accrued interest receivable	56,833	70,078	Accrued interest payable	31,798	33,826
	3,121,160	3,864,309	Current portion of long-term debt	1,583,288	1,512,253
				2,040,415	2,095,028
RESTRICTED ASSETS					
Cash	1,437,985	531,546	Payable from restricted assets:		
Investments	3,588,545	3,774,080	Customer deposits	225,888	226,907
Accounts receivable for City of West Des Moines	912,737	645,822	Accounts payable	191,167	1,024,081
Accounts receivable	2,420	1,620	Payable to City of West Des Moines	2,749,625	2,417,444
Deposit - water revenue bond fund	1,044,256	1,040,836	·	3,166,680	3,668,432
•	6,985,943	5,993,904			
			Total current liabilities	5,207,095	5,763,460
Total current assets	10,107,103	9,858,213		<del></del> -	
	<u> </u>	<del>.</del>	LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
CAPITAL ASSETS			Revenue Bonds - net of current portion	17,541,297	19,124,585
Land	620,768	620,768	Accrued sick leave	20,044	- -
Buildings and structures	22,207,749	22,259,327	Other post employment benefits	30,231	_
Machinery and equipment	9,798,452	8,619,053	Total long-term liabilities	17,591,572	19,124,585
Mains and hydrants - constructed by Water Works	21,284,692	21,027,525			
Mains and hydrants - contributed by developers	21,660,047	21,660,047	OTHER LIABILITIES		
Wells	4,495,373	4,495,373	Deposit - shared water tower	149,546	128,695
Meters	2,237,761	2,738,607	Deferred revenue	1,821,073	1,861,541
Treatment plant capacity - Des Moines Water Works	10,619,126	10,619,126	Bond premium	17,136	19,584
Construction in progress	4,036,864	4,407,437	Total other liabilities	1,987,755	2,009,820
construction in progress	96,960,832	96,447,263	100010000000000000000000000000000000000		
Less accumulated depreciation	(28,534,375)	(26,759,066)	Total liabilities	24,786,422	26,897,865
Net capital assets	68,426,457	69,688,197	NET ASSETS		
			Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	47,386,997	46,280,207
OTHER ASSETS			Restricted for debt service	2,325,781	2,329,059
Unamortized bond discount	105,755	120,300	Restricted for capital improvements	1,535,104	891,799
Unamortized bond issue costs	61,879	68,915	Unrestricted	2,666,890	3,336,695
			Total net assets	53,914,772	52,837,760
Total other assets	167,634	189,215			
Total Assets	<u>\$ 78,701,194</u>	<u>\$ 79,735,625</u>	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 78,701,194</u>	\$ 79,735,625

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sale of water	\$ 8,300,746	\$ 7,543,132
Basic service charge	790,674	778,343
Connection fees	497,955	903,026
EPA grant	13,204	32,445
Labor charges	15,447	28,476
Sanitary sewer service collection fees	45,651	45,066
Solid waste service collection fees	43,630	42,996
Stormwater service collection fees	64,723	63,838
Late and non-payment charges	89,593	86,292
Sale of materials	36,486	47,923
Meter reading fees	62,938	64,691
Shared water tower revenue	40,468	40,468
Miscellaneous	83,726	158,580
Total operating revenues	10,085,241	9,835,276
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Water treatment plant operation and maintenance		
Salaries	744,553	693,574
Retirement and employee benefits	258,245	238,551
Utilities	298,927	285,414
Chemicals	391,583	292,614
Purchased water	631,275	542,175
Maintenance	259,670	325,920
Lime residuals removal	109,581	104,770
Insurance	66,614	61,999
Supplies	19,050	23,057
Communications	11,264	18,673
Water quality testing fees	10,864	18,695
Miscellaneous	19,771	3,680
Operation permit	7,359	6,578
Safety consulting fees	1,050	980
Depreciation	1,167,439	1,035,064
Data processing	20,100	1,245
	4,017,345	3,652,989
Water distribution system operation and maintenance		
Salaries	764,431	710,915
Retirement and employee benefits	282,782	257,793
Maintenance	209,715	170,470
Utilities	59,398	64,446
Insurance	32,745	37,270
Supplies	25,121	32,038

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
OPERATING EXPENSES - CONTINUED		
Water distribution system operation and maintenance - continued		
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,3	15 \$ 410
Iowa One Call	4,0	55 4,421
Communications	5,1	
Depreciation	1,247,1	76 1,197,575
Data processing	27,8	03 7,338
	2,659,6	<u>76</u> <u>2,488,473</u>
Accounting and customer service		
Salaries	664,5	16 655,777
Retirement and employee benefits	247,7	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Postage	76,7	
Printing	46,6	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Insurance	21,9	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Supplies	16,1	
Communications	5,1	
Maintenance	25,9	
Bad debts	9,9	
Lock box charges	51,8	
Miscellaneous	4,6	
Utilities	6,2	,
Depreciation	63,9	
Cost of materials sold	28,3	
Data processing	44,8	
Buta processing	1,314,6	
Administration		
Salaries	232,3	12 221,300
Retirement and employee benefits	90,0	09 59,907
Professional and consulting fees	102,2	10 28,757
Legal publications	13,7	74 4,230
Dues and memberships	11,0	37 10,639
Communication	1,5	54 1,782
Miscellaneous	10,9	70 9,258
Economic development expense	50,0	00 50,000
	511,8	385,873
Total operating expenses	8,503,5	7,812,764
Operating income	1,581,7	24 2,022,512

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CONTINUED

# Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
NON-OPERATING REVENUES		
Interest	\$ 177,768	\$ 268,724
Bond premium	2,448	2,448
Rental	126,188	126,153
Total non-operating revenues	306,404	397,325
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES		
Interest	776,890	823,514
Bond discount	7,036	7,036
Bond issue costs	14,545	14,545
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	12,645	
Total non-operating expenses	811,116	845,095
Income before contributions	1,077,012	1,574,742
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		721,441
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,077,012	2,296,183
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,837,760	50,541,577
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 53,914,772	\$ 52,837,760

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 9,616,259	\$ 9,604,553
Cash payments for goods and services	(3,301,329)	(3,072,436)
Cash payments to employees	(2,464,660)	(2,259,360)
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,850,270	4,272,757
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(2,062,346)	(3,221,827)
Deposits - shared water tower	(19,617)	(17,410)
Principal paid on revenue bonds	(1,512,253)	(1,451,218)
Water revenue bond fund deposit	(3,420)	(2,586)
Interest paid	(776,890)	(823,514)
Net cash used by capital and financing activities	(4,374,526)	(5,516,555)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest received	191,012	288,173
Rental income	126,188	126,153
Net cash provided by investing activities	317,200	414,326
NET (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH		
EQUIVALENTS	(207,056)	(829,472)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,060,302	7,889,774
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF YEAR	\$ 6,853,246	\$ 7,060,302

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET		
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating Income	\$ 1,581,724	\$ 2,022,512
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net	· -,- · -, · - ·	· -,·,·
cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,478,527	2,290,499
Decrease (increase) in assets:	, ,	
Accounts receivable	(511,127)	(243,902)
Inventory	42,145	13,179
Unexpired insurance	3,211	(446)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Customer deposits	(1,019)	5,941
Accounts payable	208,368	167,444
Accrued payroll	(68,019)	19,403
Accrued vacation	9,171	2,803
Accrued sick leave	54,130	-
Other post employment benefits	30,231	-
Accrued sales tax	22,928	(4,676)
Total adjustments	2,268,546	2,250,245
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,850,270	<u>\$ 4,272,757</u>
Schedule of noncash capital and related financing - Contributions		
of water mains from contractors for construction, and		
equipment contributions.	\$ -	\$ 721,441

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### A. Reporting Entity

The West Des Moines Water Works was established by the City of West Des Moines, Iowa to supply water to the City and its inhabitants. Since November 7, 1950, the Water Works has been under the management and control of a Board of Trustees and the accounts of the Water Works are maintained separately from those of the City of West Des Moines, Iowa. The Code of Iowa, Chapter 388, states that the Board of Trustees has the oversight responsibility for the management and control of the Water Works.

Water Works is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 115 which provides for exemption of divisions of state and local governments.

### B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Water Works are organized on the basis of funds or groups of accounts. Each fund or group of accounts is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of accounts for cash and investment balances, receipts and disbursements. A description of each of the existing funds is set forth as follows:

### Water Revenue Fund

The Water Revenue Fund is the general operating fund of the Water Works. This fund is used to account for the utility services which are financed and operated primarily from user charges to the general public.

### **Bond Retirement Fund**

The Bond Retirement Fund is used to provide and account for principal and interest payments on the water revenue bonds issued.

### Trust Fund

The Trust Fund has been established to account for deposits received from customers.

### C. Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid with maturities of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

### D. Investments

The cash balances of the Water Works are pooled and invested. Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Interest is recorded in the fund owning the investment and transferred to the Water Revenue Fund. In order to obtain a high rate of return, some investments are pooled.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

### E. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable and revenues are recorded at the time that service is billed. Unbilled revenues for service consumed between periodic scheduled billing dates are not considered to have a material effect on the financial statements.

### F. Inventories

Proprietary fund type inventories of materials and supplies are valued at the lower of cost (average cost) or market.

### G. Capital Assets

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost or at the value of the contributions to the Water Works for mains and hydrants by developers. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of five to fifty years.

Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor replacements are charged to operations. Expenditures for major repairs and betterments are capitalized.

The cost and related accumulated depreciation on property, plant and equipment sold or retired are eliminated from the accounts at the time of sale or retirement and the resulting gain or loss is reflected in operations.

### H. Budget

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Water Works adopted a budget based upon anticipated expenditures by line item for operations. The budget was prepared on an accrual basis which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

### I. Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, and Stormwater Management Service

The West Des Moines Water Works bills and collects sanitary sewer service charges, solid waste charges, and stormwater management fees in accordance with the city ordinances for the City of West Des Moines, Iowa.

Sanitary sewage is collected in sewers owned by the City of West Des Moines, Iowa, and is treated at the Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) sewage treatment plant. Remittances are due to the City within seventy-five days after the end of each billing period. The West Des Moines Water Works is reimbursed for a portion of the expense of billing and collecting the sanitary sewer service, solid waste charges, and stormwater management fees at rates agreed upon by the City of West Des Moines and West Des Moines Water Works.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

### J. Basis of Accounting

The Proprietary fund types are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Operating revenues and expenses: Operating revenues include revenues resulting from the sale of water and related services. Operating expenses include expenses for water treatment, distribution, depreciation, customer accounts, customer service and informational, sales, administrative and general. Nonoperating revenues and expenses include those derived from capital and related financing activities, noncapital financing activities, and investing activities. Revenues from the sale of water are based on billing rates, which are applied to customer's consumption of water.

The Water Works applies all GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Statements and Interpretations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins (ARB) of the Committee on Accounting Procedures. In addition, Water Works may also apply all FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except for those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

### K. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities in the financial statements. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used for acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Water Works' policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

### L. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The West Des Moines Water Works' deposits in financial institutions as of December 31, 2009 and through the year are covered by federal depository insurance or the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C, Code of Iowa. This Chapter provides additional assessments against the depositories to ensure that there is no loss of public funds.

As of December 31, 2009, \$1,600,000 was invested in five twelve month certificates of deposit at Veridian Credit Union. The amount of this deposit in excess of \$250,000 was collateralized with a letter of credit held by the Water Works in the amount of 110% or \$1,485,000 with available letter of credit of up to \$1,530,000.

The West Des Moines Water Works' investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Water Works at year's end. The West Des Moines Water Works' investments are all category 1, which means that the investments are insured or registered or the securities are held by the West Des Moines Water Works or its agent in the name of the West Des Moines Water Works.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008 all monies of the West Des Moines Water Works were invested in lawful depositories of the Water Works.

The West Des Moines Water Works' cash and investments at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

Cash and Investments	Category	
Cash	1	\$ 3,195,121
Certificates of Deposit	1	3,200,000
Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust	1	458,125
TOTAL		\$ 6,853,246

The West Des Moines Water Works cash and investments at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Cash and Investments	Category	
Cash	1	\$ 3,014,082
Certificates of Deposit	1	3,900,000
Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust	1	 146,220
TOTAL		\$ 7,060,302

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

# NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 was as follows:

	Balance 1/01/09	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/09
Capital assets not being depreciated:	ф. <b>(20 5</b> (0)	Φ.	Φ.	ф. ( <b>2</b> 0 <b>न</b> (0
Land	\$ 620,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,768
Construction in progress	4,407,437	1,044,614	<u>(1,415,187</u> )	4,036,864
Total capital assets not being	5.020.205	1 044 614	(1.415.107)	4 (57 (22
depreciated	5,028,205	1,044,614	<u>(1,415,187</u> )	4,657,632
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and structures	\$22,259,327	\$ -	\$ (51,578)	\$22,207,749
Machinery and equipment	8,619,053	1,238,440	(59,040)	9,798,453
Mains and hydrants	21,027,525	262,126	(4,959)	21,284,692
Mains and hydrants - developers	21,660,047	-	-	21,660,047
Wells	4,495,373	_	-	4,495,373
Meters in service	2,738,607	161,534	(662,380)	2,237,761
DMWW plant capacity 5.0 MG	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
DMWW plant capacity 1.323 MG	1,819,125	-	-	1,819,125
DMWW plant capacity 2 MG	3,800,000	-	-	3,800,000
Total capital assets being				
depreciated	91,419,057	1,662,100	(777,957)	92,303,200
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and structures	6,187,930	497,076	_	6,685,006
Machinery and equipment	4,331,458	631,592	(59,040)	4,904,010
Mains and hydrants	4,671,231	425,452	-	5,096,683
Mains and hydrants - developers	6,176,660	417,911	_	6,594,571
Wells	1,755,785	133,168	-	1,888,953
Meters in service	1,495,688	107,849	(644,177)	959,360
DMWW plant capacity 5.0 MG	1,468,750	125,000	-	1,593,750
DMWW plant capacity 1.323 MG	386,563	45,479	-	432,042
DMWW plant capacity 2 MG	285,000	95,000	-	380,000
Total accumulated depreciation	26,759,065	2,478,527	(703,217)	28,534,375
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Total capital assets being	(4 (50 002	(017, 407)	(74.740)	(2.7(0.025
depreciated, net	64,659,992	(816,427)	(74,740)	63,768,825
Net capital assets	\$69,688,197	\$ 228,187	\$ <u>(1,489,927)</u>	<u>\$68,426,457</u>
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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

# NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

Capital assets activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Balance 1/01/08	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/08
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 620,768	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,768
Construction in progress	4,965,733	-	(558,296)	4,407,437
Total capital assets not being				
depreciated	5,586,501	-	(558,296)	5,028,205
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Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and structures	\$19,459,404	\$ 2,799,923	\$ -	\$22,259,327
Machinery and equipment	8,323,161	352,909	(57,017)	8,619,053
Mains and hydrants	20,306,909	720,616	-	21,027,525
Mains and hydrants - developers	20,938,607	721,440	-	21,660,047
Wells	4,495,373	-	-	4,495,373
Meters in service	2,596,760	141,847	-	2,738,607
DMWW plant capacity 5.0 MG	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
DMWW plant capacity 1.323 MG	1,819,125	-	-	1,819,125
DMWW plant capacity 2 MG	3,800,000	-	-	3,800,000
Total capital assets being				
depreciated	86,739,339	4,736,735	(57,017)	91,419,057
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and structures	5,724,758	463,172		6,187,930
Machinery and equipment	3,902,090	486,385	(57,017)	4,331,458
Mains and hydrants	4,270,336	400,895	(37,017)	4,671,231
			-	
Mains and hydrants - developers Wells	5,758,748	417,912	-	6,176,660
	1,622,620	133,165	-	1,755,785
Meters in service	1,372,197	123,491	-	1,495,688
DMWW plant capacity 5.0 MG	1,343,750	125,000	-	1,468,750
DMWW plant capacity 1.323 MG	341,085	45,478	-	386,563
DMWW plant capacity 2 MG	190,000	95,000	(57,017)	285,000
Total accumulated depreciation	24,525,584	2,290,498	(57,017)	26,759,065
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	62,213,755	2,446,237		64,659,992
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Net capital assets	<u>\$67,800,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,446,237</u>	<u>\$ (558,296</u> )	<u>\$69,688,197</u>

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 4 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

A summary of the changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2009 is as follows:

	Balance			Balance	Due Within
	1/01/09	Increases	Decreases	12/31/09	One Year
Water Revenue Bonds	\$ 20,636,838	\$ -	\$ (1,512,253)	\$ 19,124,585	\$ 1,583,288
Sick Pay Liability	-	54,129	-	54,129	34,085
Net OPEB Liability		30,231		30,231	
Total	\$ 20,636,838	\$ 84,360	<u>\$ (1,512,253)</u>	\$ 19,208,945	\$ 1,617,373

### PURCHASE OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT CAPACITY:

A. The West Des Moines Water Works entered into an agreement with the Des Moines Water Works for the purchase of five million gallons per day of water treatment plant capacity. Per the Water Treatment Plant Purchased Capacity Master Agreement dated July 23, 1996, the West Des Moines Water Works' proportionate share of the Des Moines Water Works Bonds, Series 1997 issued by the Des Moines Water Works was \$5,640,000.

Series 1997 bonds have been replaced by the Refunding Water Revenue Bonds Series 2004B. In order to reduce interest costs, the Des Moines Water Works issued Refunding Water Revenue Bonds Series 2004B effective December 1, 2004 to carry out an advance refunding of callable maturities from their Series 1997 Bonds. The interest rates on the bonds vary from 2.5% to 4.0%.

B. The West Des Moines Water Works entered into the First Amendment to Acceptance of Purchased Capacity Master Agreement on May 23, 2000. West Des Moines Water Works agreed to pay for additional capacity of 1.323 million gallons per day by assumption of \$1,819,125 of the Des Moines Water Works' outstanding obligation under the 1997 Bond Issue.

Series 1997 bonds have been replaced by the Refunding Water Revenue Bonds Series 2004B. In order to reduce interest costs, the Des Moines Water Works issued Refunding Water Revenue Bonds Series 2004B effective December 1, 2004 to carry out an advance refunding of callable maturities from their Series 1997 Bonds. The interest rates on the bonds vary from 2.5% to 4.0%.

C. The West Des Moines Water Works entered into the Wholesale Water Service Master Agreement with the Des Moines Water Works on June 13, 2005, agreeing to purchase an additional two million gallons per day of water treatment plant capacity. West Des Moines Water Works' proportionate share in the Des Moines Water Works 2006 Water Revenue Bonds is \$4,105,000. The interest rates on the bonds vary from 4.000% to 4.375%.

### PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

The Series 2004 Water Revenue Refunding, and 2008 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds were issued by the West Des Moines Water Works, under resolutions of the Board of Trustees of the Water Works. Series 1998A and 1998B were redeemed by the 2007 Water Revenue Refunding bonds on June 1, 2007. The following is a summary of the major provisions and restrictions of the resolutions.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 4 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES - CONTINUED**

Interest is payable on the first day of June and December.

Bonds and interest are payable from the future net earnings of the Water Works and the net earnings of the Water Works are pledged to the payment of the bonds and interest.

The required amount to be deposited in the Sinking Fund in any month shall be an amount equal to 1/6th of the installment of interest coming due on the next interest payment date on the then outstanding Bonds and Parity Bonds plus 1/12th of the installment of principal coming due on such Bonds on the next succeeding principal payment date until the full amount of such installment is on hand. The balance at December 31, 2009 and 2008 is \$97,632 and \$100,910, respectively.

The Bond Resolution requires that the Debt Service Reserve Fund be maintained in an amount equal to at least the lesser of the maximum annual debt service on the Bonds and the Parity Bonds, or 10% of the stated principal amount of the Bonds and Parity Bonds. The balance at December 31, 2009 and 2008 is at the maximum of \$1,250,000 and \$1,250,000, respectively.

In the Future Capital Outlay Fund, the minimum amount to be deposited in the Fund each month shall be \$30,000; provided, however, that when the amount in said fund shall equal or exceed \$750,000, no further monthly deposits need be made into the Fund except to maintain it at such level. The balance at December 31, 2009 and 2008 is \$1,369,299 and \$743,315, respectively.

Changes in long-term water revenue bonds for the year ended December 31, 2009 are as follows:

_	Balance 01-01-2009	Incre	eases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-2009		e Within ne Year
Water Revenue Bonds							
Series 2004 Refunding	\$ 5,210,000	\$	-	\$ (555,000)	\$ 4,655,000	\$	610,000
Series 2007 Refunding	5,625,000		-	(205,000)	5,420,000		180,000
Series 2004B (DMWW)	4,841,471		-	(501,734)	4,339,737		527,596
Series 2004B (DMWW)	1,180,367		-	(105,519)	1,074,848		110,692
Series 2006							
(DMWW - 2MG)	3,780,000			 (145,000)	3,635,000		155,000
Totals	\$20,636,838	\$		\$ (1,512,253)	<u>\$19,124,585</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	,583,288

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 4 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES - CONTINUED**

Details of the revenue bonds payable at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

			Final		Amount	
	Date of	Interest	Due	Annual	Originally	Outstanding
	Issue	Rate	Date	Payments	Issued	Dec. 31, 2009
Series 2004 Refunding	04/01/04	2.0 - 3.9%	12/01/16	\$241,000-\$791,000	\$ 5,415,000	\$ 4,655,000
Series 2007 Refunding	04/01/07	3.75 - 4.0%	12/01/18	\$180,000-\$2,045,000	7,185,000	5,420,000
Series 2004B (DMWW)	12/01/04	2.5 - 4.0%	12/01/16	\$239,000-\$753,000	5,498,380	4,339,737
Series 2004B DMWW)	12/01/04	2.5 - 4.0%	12/01/17	\$138,000-\$167,000	1,550,719	1,074,848
Series 2006 (DMWW)	03/01/06	4.0 - 4.38%	12/01/26	\$197,000-\$308,000	4,150,000	3,635,000
Total						<u>\$19,124,585</u>

A summary of the annual revenue bonds principal and interest requirements to maturity as of December 31, 2009 is as follows:

Year			
Ending			
Dec. 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	\$ 1,583,288	\$ 729,532	\$ 2,312,820
2011	1,645,358	677,306	2,322,664
2012	1,722,600	621,755	2,344,355
2013	1,800,876	560,929	2,361,805
2014	1,893,290	491,745	2,385,035
2015-2019	8,669,173	1,282,281	9,951,454
2020-2024	1,235,000	285,431	1,520,431
2025-2026	575,000	38,062	613,062
Totals	<u>\$19,124,585</u>	\$ <u>4,687,041</u>	\$23,811,626

Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Balance 01-01-2008	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-2008	Due Within One Year
Water Revenue Bonds					
Series 2004 Refunding	\$ 5,265,000	\$ -	\$ (55,000)	\$ 5,210,000	\$ 555,000
Series 2007 Refunding	6,300,000	-	(675,000)	5,625,000	205,000
Series 2004B (DMWW)	5,317,342	-	(475,871)	4,841,471	501,734
Series 2004B (DMWW)	1,280,714	-	(100,347)	1,180,367	105,519
Series 2006					
(DMWW - 2MG)	3,925,000		(145,000)	3,780,000	145,000
Totals	\$22,088,056	\$ -	\$ (1,451,218)	\$20,636,838	\$1,512,253

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 4 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES - CONTINUED**

Details of the revenue bonds payable at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

_			Final		Amount	
	Date of	Interest	Due	Annual	Originally	Outstanding
	Issue	Rate	Date	Payments	Issued	Dec. 31, 2008
Series 2004 Refunding	04/01/04	2.0 - 3.9%	12/01/16	\$241,000-\$791,000	\$ 5,415,000	\$ 5,210,000
Series 2007 Refunding	04/01/07	3.75 - 4.0%	12/01/18	\$180,000-\$2,045,000	7,185,000	5,625,000
Series 2004B (DMWW)	12/01/04	2.5 - 4.0%	12/01/16	\$239,000-\$753,000	5,498,380	4,841,471
Series 2004B DMWW)	12/01/04	2.5 - 4.0%	12/01/17	\$138,000-\$167,000	1,550,719	1,180,367
Series 2006 (DMWW)	03/01/06	4.0 - 4.38%	12/01/26	\$197,000-\$308,000	4,150,000	3,780,000
Total						\$20,636,838

A summary of the annual revenue bonds principal and interest requirements to maturity as of December 31, 2008 is as follows:

Year			
Ending			
Dec. 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	\$ 1,512,253	\$ 777,888	\$ 2,290,141
2010	1,583,288	729,532	2,312,820
2011	1,645,358	677,306	2,322,664
2012	1,722,600	621,755	2,344,355
2013	1,800,876	560,929	2,361,805
2014-2018	10,342,463	1,688,463	12,030,926
2019-2023	1,190,000	334,244	1,524,244
2024-2026	840,000	74,812	914,812
Totals	<u>\$20,636,838</u>	\$ <u>5,464,929</u>	<u>\$26,101,767</u>

### **NOTE 5 - RESTRICTED ASSETS**

The West Des Moines Water Works' restricted assets are composed of customer deposits, deposits on bond issuance, funds restricted for capital improvements and collections for sanitary sewer service, solid waste service, stormwater management fees, and human services donations for the City of West Des Moines.

### NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFIT

The Water Works contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 6 - PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFIT - CONTINUED

Plan members are required to contribute a percentage of their annual salary and the Water Works is also required to contribute a percentage of the annual covered payroll to IPERS as established by State statute. Contribution requirements for employees for 2009 were 4.10% from January 1 through June 30 and 4.30% from July 1 through December 31. Contribution requirements for West Des Moines Water Works were 6.35% from January 1 through June 30 and 6.65% from July 1 through December 31. The Water Works' contributions to IPERS for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$158,571, \$138,642, and \$124,499, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

### **NOTE 7 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Water Works implemented GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions during the year ended December 31, 2009.

<u>Plan Description</u>: The Water Works sponsors a single-employer health care plan that provides certain postretirement health care benefits for retirees and their spouses. There are 37 active and 0 retired members in the plan. Participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug coverage is provided through a fully-insured plan with insurance premiums paid to the City of West Des Moines who self insures to their selected stop loss limits and buys stop loss insurance from the Principal Financial Group. The plan is administered by the Principal Financial Group.

Retirees under age 65 pay 102% of the premium for the medical/prescription drug benefit as active employees, which results in an implicit subsidy and an OPEB liability.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Water Works. The Water Works currently finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation: The Water Works' annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the Water Works, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the Water Works' annual OPEB cost for the year ended June 30, 2010, the amount actually contributed to the plan and changes in the Water Works' net OPEB obligation:

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 30,231
Interest on net OPEB obligation	-
Adjustment to annual required contribution	
Annual OPEB cost	30,231

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

#### NOTE 7 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - CONTINUED

Annual OPEB Cost	30,231
Contributions made	
Increase in net OPEB obligation	30,231
Net OPEB obligation beginning of year	
Net OPEB obligation end of year	<u>\$ 30,231</u>

For calculation of the net OPEB obligation, the actuary has set the transition day as January 1, 2009. The end of the year Net OPEB obligation was calculated by the actuary as the cumulative difference between the actuarially determined funding requirements and the actual contributions for the year ended December 31, 2009.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Water Works contributed \$-0- to the medical plan. Plan members eligible for benefits contributed \$-0- of the premium costs. No West Des Moines retirees are currently in the retirement benefit plan.

The Water Works's annual OPEB costs, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation as of December 31, 2009 are summarized as follows:

Year	Annual	Percentage of Annual	Net OPEB
Ended	<b>OPEB Cost</b>	OPEB Cost Contributed	Obligation
December 31, 2009	\$30,231	0%	\$30,231

<u>Funded Status and Funding Progress</u>: As of December 31, 2009, the most recent actuarial valuation date for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, the actuarial accrued liability was \$268,112, with no actuarial value of assets, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$268,112. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was approximately \$2,405,812 and the ratio of the UAAL to covered payroll was 11.2%. As of December 31, 2009 there were no trust fund assets.

Actuarial Metehods and Assumptions: Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about the future employment, mortality and the health care cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information in the section following the Notes to Financial Statements, will present multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 7 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - CONTINUED

Projections of benefits for financial reporting pruposes are based on the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

As of the Decmeber 31, 2009 actuarial valuation date, the frozen entry age actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 2.5% discount rate based on the Water Works' funding policy. The health cost trend rate is 6%.

Mortality rates are from the 94 Group Annuity Mortality Table projected to 2000 applied on a gender-specific basis. Annual retirement and termination probablilities were developed by the actuary, as listed in Appendix B of the Actuary Report.

### **NOTE 8 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The West Des Moines Water Works' employees accumulate vacation benefits for subsequent use or payable on termination, death or retirement. These accumulations are recorded as liabilities and expenses in the year earned.

West Des Moines Water Works allows employees to accrue up to 720 hours of sick leave to be paid upon retirement. The employee must be at least 55 years of age before they can retire. Retirement prior to the age of 62 is based on the IPERS retirement rules. Sick leave payable is recorded as a liability when retirement is probable and subject to estimation. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2009 current liabilities of \$34,085 and long term liabilities of \$20,044 have been recorded for accrued sick leave.

#### NOTE 9 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

West Des Moines Water Works offers to all of its full-time employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan permits the employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available for payment to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

West Des Moines Water Works implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans,* which requires assets of a governmental sponsored 457 plan to be held in a trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. Internal Revenue Code Section 457(g)(3) as amended, provides that an annuity contract described in Code Section 401(f) shall be treated as a trust.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 9 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN - CONTINUED

The 457 plan administrators prepared amendments to the existing contracts to meet the requirements of Code Section 401(f). The amendments also provide that the assets and income of the contracts are for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants or beneficiaries, and would not be subject to the claims of the governmental employer's creditors. Accordingly, these plan assets are not reported in the Water Works' financial statements.

### NOTE 10 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On May 14, 2001 the Water Works approved the first amendment to intergovernmental agreement for the joint occupation of municipal offices (Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa) with the City of West Des Moines for joint occupancy in a new City Hall facility. The West Des Moines Water Works' total cost is \$546,761, of which \$546,761 has been paid.

On May 14, 1993 the Water Works entered into an intergovernmental agreement (Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa) with the City of West Des Moines and the Park Board of Commissioners of the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department. Under the agreement, they jointly developed a parcel of land (58 acres) owned by the City to provide recreation resources and water resources for residents. The Water Works constructed eight shallow wells and one deep well on the site. The Water Works has paid the City \$450,000 for the use of the land. This agreement is for ninety-nine years and expires on May 14, 2092.

On February 27, 2002 the Water Works entered into an amended and substituted intergovernmental agreement (Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa) for the purpose of (1) creating the Central Iowa Committee to succeed the Urban Standard Specifications Committee; (2) authorizing the Central Iowa Committee to temporarily license said urban design standards and urban standard specifications to the Center for Transportation Research and Education (CTRE) and to the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT); (3) authorizing the Central Iowa Committee to assign said urban design standards and urban standard specifications to a statewide organization to be formed to oversee the continuing development and upgrading thereof; and (4) authorizing the City of Des Moines, as administrator, to assign to CTRE its consultant contract with Snyder and Associates for the provision of professional services. Under the agreement design standards will be developed and updated, and standard specifications for the construction of public improvements will be developed.

On November 20, 2003 the Water Works entered into an Agreement for Shared Use of Water Tower Capacity (this is not a 28E agreement) with the City of Clive, the City of Waukee and the Des Moines Water Works. On November 1, 2005 that water tower was put into service. The cities of Clive and Waukee pay 40% and 20% respectively, of the total project cost to West Des Moines Water Works for shared capacity of the water tower. The water tower is recorded at cost on West Des Moines Water Works' fixed asset schedule, and the payments made by Clive and Waukee are recorded as a deferred revenue liability to be recognized over the 50 year life of the water tower. This agreement will remain in effect through the useful life of the water tower plus one year. A shared water tower fund has been created into which Clive, Waukee and West Des Moines Water Works contribute annually for property insurance and future painting of the tower.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 10 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS - CONTINUED

On November 1, 2005 the Water Works entered into intergovernmental(Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa) agreements for meter reading services with the City of Clive and the City of Waukee. West Des Moines Water Works will read water meters for Clive and water and gas meters for Waukee. The initial term of these agreements is three years from November 1, 2005. Addendum "A" to this agreement was signed in July 2008 establishing the meter reading rates for the subsequent three years. This addendum became effective November 1, 2008. Thereafter, the term of services shall automatically renew for successive three year terms on each November 1st unless either party shall give written notice of termination to the other.

On July 20, 2009 the Water Works entered into an intergovernmental agreement (Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa) with the City of West Des Moines for the placement of radio antenna and related equipment on/in water towers in West Des Moines. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of ten years. The annual charge to the City for locating and operating transmitting and receiving equipment on a tower shall be one dollar per year payable in advance on the first business day of each year.

On July 20, 2009 the Water Works entered into an intergovernmental agreement (Chapter 28E of the code of Iowa) with the City of West Des Moines to provide the city with water at no cost to the City for city-owned public buildings, facilities and landscaped medians. Unless otherwise extended or amended by mutual written agreement of the parties, this Agreement will expire ten years from July 20, 2009.

On July 20, 2009 the Water Works entered into an intergovernmental agreement (Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa) with the City of West Des Moines for the sharing of fiber optic and computer related technologies for the betterment for the services provided by the public by each entity. The purpose of the Agreement is for the City of West Des Moines to provide West Des Moines Water Works with internet connectivity and land-line phone services. Unless otherwise extended or amended by mutual written agreement of the parties, this Agreement will expire ten years from July 20, 2009. For the 2009-10 fiscal year of the City of West Des Moines, the Water Works paid the City a fee of \$12,000. Further adjustments to the fee may occur if annual maintenance agreements with third-parties change due to upgrades within the system. Notification of such an adjustment will be provided at least 30 days in advance of any fee adjustment and documentation of the change will be provided.

#### **NOTE 11 - RELATED ORGANIZATION**

The West Des Moines Water Works uses services of the City of West Des Moines and also provides billing and collection services to the City in connection with the City's Sewer, Solid Waste, and Stormwater Management Enterprise Funds. The following is a summary of the related party transactions for the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	Amount	Amount
	2009	2008
Received from the City of West Des Moines		
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400
Iowa One Call	3,576	4,370
Sanitary sewer service collection fees	45,651	45,066
Solid waste service collection fees	43,630	42,996
Stormwater service collection fees	64,723	63,838

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### NOTE 11 - RELATED ORGANIZATION - CONTINUED

Payments to the City of West Des Moines		
Sanitary sewer service	\$5,949,146	\$5,550,038
Solid waste service	1,651,651	1,632,234
Sewer availability fee	443,111	338,211
City capital fee	32,910	31,553
Stormwater services	1,849,381	1,579,727
Premium yard waste fee	9,680	16,140
Health and dental insurance premiums	480,176	441,347
General insurance premiums	119,602	126,047
Gasoline	30,234	52,519
Utilities	25,056	16,959
Miscellaneous	5,245	4,185
Donations collected	6,693	7,778
Janitorial services	15,461	12,157
Information services	47,000	-
West Des Moines Magazine and City Survey	3,000	5,000
City Hall fountain repairs	-	1,300
Economic development	50,000	50,000
Water mains	-	729,966

Amounts payable to the City of West Des Moines at December 31, 2009 for sanitary sewer charges, sewer availability fees, city capital fees, stormwater management fees, solid waste charges, premium yard waste and donations to human services totaled \$1,686,068, \$131,963, \$6,953, \$505,758, \$418,154, \$280, and \$447, respectively and for 2008 \$1,451,667, \$104,087, \$7,152, \$441,174, \$412,324, \$180 and \$860, respectively.

### **NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Water Works, through the City of West Des Moines, is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool), as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Pool is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 624 members include various governmental entities throughout the state of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 300 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT - CONTINUED**

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The Water Works' property and casualty contributions to the Pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The Water Works' contributions to the Pool for the year ended December 31, 2009 were \$33,343.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, and public officials' liability risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. West Des Moines Water Works' coverage is \$8,000,000. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each occurrence, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual-member basis.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the member's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. The Water Works does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk-sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable that such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at December 31, 2009, no liability has been recorded in the Water Works' financial statements. As of June 30, 2009 settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days' prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. After the sixth year, the member is refunded 100% of its capital contributions, however, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The Water Works also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with workers' compensation, and employee blanket bonds. The Water Works assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

### **NOTE 13 - TOWER LEASE AGREEMENTS**

The Water Works has entered into agreements with T-Mobile USA, Inc., United States Cellular Wireless Communications, Sprint/Nextel, Capital Communications Company, Inc., AT & T Wireless and Verizon Wireless for the rental of space on two elevated water storage facilities located in the City of West Des Moines. The agreements are for a period of five years with renewal options of five additional five year terms. The agreements with T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular, Sprint/Nextel, and Capital Communications Company are all into their third, five year contract. AT & T, Verizon, and two additional Sprint/Nextel antennae are in their second, five year contract.

Future minimum rents under these leases at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

Year	_Amount_
2010	\$128,442
2011	133,295
2012	137,077
2013	143,661
2014	144,832

Total rental income for 2009 was \$126,188.

### **NOTE 14 - UNION AGREEMENT**

The West Des Moines Water Works entered into an agreement as of January 1, 2007 with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 61 and Local 3673-15 (AFL-CIO). This agreement remained in full force and effect through December 31, 2009. A tentative agreement has been agreed upon that covers the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 but has not been signed as of the date of this report.

#### **NOTE 15 - COMMITMENTS**

The West Des Moines Water Works has entered into construction contracts totaling \$5,383,960 at December 31,2009 and \$7,663,963 at December 31,2008 for various capital projects. There were \$330,461 and \$713,537 of uncompleted contracts at December 31, 2009 and 2008 respectively.

On September 27, 2004 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the Water Works a grant for the operation of the Groundwater Remedial Action at the Railroad Avenue Superfund Site. Activities include the cleanup of contaminated groundwater and monitoring and administration of the aerators. The project period is from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2011. The total project cost is projected to be approximately \$513,000. The EPA has approved partial funding up to and not exceeding \$350,000 at this time.

### **NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Water Works has evaluated all subsequent events through April 5, 2010, the date the financial statements were available.



# BUDGETARY COMPARISON OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN BALANCES - ACTUAL TO BUDGET

# Year ended December 31, 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 10,391,645	\$ 11,663,016	\$ (1,271,371)
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,314,633	10,416,611	1,101,978
NET	1,077,012	1,246,405	<u>\$ (169,393)</u>
BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,837,760	51,577,196	
BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 53,914,772	\$ <u>52,823,601</u>	

#### NOTE TO BUDGETARY REPORTING

December 31, 2009

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Water Works' Board of Trustees adopts a budget on the accrual basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles following required public notice and hearing. The formal and legal level of control is at the total expense level. The Board of Trustees reviews the proposed budget and grants final approval. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

In 2009 there were no budget amendments and disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted.

# SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR THE RETIREE HEALTH PLAN

# Required Supplementary Information

December 31, 2009

						UAAL as a
		Actuarial	Unfunded			Percentage
Actuarial	Actuarial	Accrued	AAL	Funded		of Covered
Valuation	Value of	Liability	(UAAL)	Ratio	Covered	Payroll
Date	Assets(a)	(AAL) (b)	(b-a)	(a/b)	Payroll	((b-a)/c)
Jan 1, 2009	0	\$30,231	\$30,231	0%	\$2,405,812	11.2%

See Note 7 in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements for the plan description, funding policy, annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation, funded status and funding progress.



#### SCHEDULE OF BOND MATURITIES

Year ended December 31, 2009

Proportionate share of Series 2004B Water Revenue Refunding Bonds issued by the Des Moines Water Works and payable to the Des Moines Water Works per Water Treatment Plant Purchased Capacity Master Agreement dated July 23, 1996 (See Note 4).

The following is a summary of the debt obligations to the Des Moines Water Works:

	Des Moines Water Works		
	Series 2004B Water Revenue Refunding Bonds		
Maturing December 1	Principal	Interest	
2010	\$ 527,596	\$ 158,395	
2011	553,459	142,568	
2012	584,494	125,964	
2013	615,529	106,968	
2014	651,736	82,346	
2015	682,771	56,277	
2016	724,152	28,966	
	\$ 4,339,737	\$ 701,484	

#### SCHEDULE OF BOND MATURITIES - CONTINUED

Year ended December 31, 2009

Proportionate share of Series 2004B Water Revenue Refunding Bonds issued by the Des Moines Water Works and payable to the Des Moines Water Works per First Amendment to Acceptance of Purchased Capacity Master Agreement dated May 23, 2000 (See Note 4).

The following is a summary of the debt obligations to the Des Moines Water Works:

	Des Moines Water Works		
	Series 2004B Water Revenue Refunding Bonds		
Maturing December 1	Principal	Interest	
2010	\$ 110,692	\$ 39,795	
2011	116,899	36,474	
2012	123,106	32,967	
2013	130,347	28,966	
2014	136,554	23,752	
2015	144,830	18,290	
2016	152,072	12,497	
2017	160,348	6,413	
	\$ 1,074,848	\$ 199,154	

#### SCHEDULE OF BOND MATURITIES - CONTINUED

Year ended December 31, 2009

Proportionate share of Series 2006 Water Revenue Bonds issued by the Des Moines Water Works and payable to the Des Moines Water Works per the Wholesale Water Service Master Agreement signed June 13, 2005 (See Note 4).

	Des Moines	Des Moines Water Works		
	Series 2006 Wa	Series 2006 Water Revenue Bonds		
Maturing December 1	Principal	Interest		
2010	\$ 155,000	\$ 149,762		
2011	155,000	143,563		
2012	165,000	137,362		
2013	170,000	130,763		
2014	175,000	123,962		
2015	185,000	116,963		
2016	190,000	109,562		
2017	200,000	101,963		
2018	210,000	93,962		
2019	220,000	85,563		
2020	230,000	76,762		
2021	240,000	67,275		
2022	245,000	57,375		
2023	255,000	47,269		
2024	265,000	36,750		
2025	280,000	25,156		
2026	295,000	12,906		
	\$ 3,635,000	\$ 1,516,918		

#### SCHEDULE OF BOND MATURITIES - CONTINUED

Year ended December 31, 2009

Series 2004 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds: Series 2004 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds were issued under Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees.

The Refunding Bonds were issued to refund all or a portion of the Water Works' outstanding Water Revenue Bonds Series 1997 (the "Refunded Bonds"). The original date of issue was April 1, 2004.

The proceeds of the original Bonds were used to finance certain capital improvements to the System (the "Project") and to pay costs of issuing the Bonds. The Project included: (i) the construction and/or purchase of water supply and distribution facilities and the land for such facilities, (ii) the construction of additional water treatment capacity, (iii) the construction facilities for handling water treatment plant residues, (iv) improvements to the electrical distribution system of the water treatment plant, (v) improvements to the electronic control system of the Water Works and (vi) construction of new and replacement water mains (See Note 4).

The following is a summary of the debt obligations of the West Des Moines Water Works:

	West Des Moir	West Des Moines Water Works		
	Series 2004 Water Reve	Series 2004 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds		
Maturing December 1	Principal Interes			
2010	\$ 610,000	\$ 170,137		
2011	605,000	150,008		
2012	645,000	128,832		
2013	640,000	105,290		
2014	690,000	81,930		
2015	735,000	56,400		
2016	730,000	28,470		
	\$ 4,655,000	\$ 721,067		

#### SCHEDULE OF BOND MATURITIES - CONTINUED

Year ended December 31, 2009

Series 2007 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds: Series 2007 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds were issued under Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees.

The Refunding Bonds were issued to refund all or a portion of the Water Works' outstanding Water Revenue Bonds Series 1998A and 1998B (the "Refunded Bonds"). The original date of issue was April 1, 2007.

The proceeds of the original Bonds were used to finance certain capital improvements to the System (the "Project") and to pay costs of issuing the Series 2007 Bonds. The Project included: (i) upgrades to the Water Works' water treatment plant and water storage facilities and (ii) construction of a new pumping station. The Refunding Bonds were issued to refund all or a portion of the Water Works' outstanding Water Revenue Bonds Series 1998A and 1998B (the "Refunded Bonds"). (See Note 4).

The following is a summary of the debt obligations of the West Des Moines Water Works:

	West Des Moine	West Des Moines Water Works		
	Series 2007 Water Rever	Series 2007 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds		
Maturing December 1	Principal	Interest		
2010	\$ 180,000	\$ 211,443		
2011	215,000	204,693		
2012	205,000	196,630		
2013	245,000	188,942		
2014	240,000	179,755		
2015	225,000	170,755		
2016	260,000	162,205		
2017	1,805,000	152,195		
2018	2,045,000	81,800		
	\$ 5,420,000	\$ 1,548,418		



# SCHEDULE OF WATER USAGE BY MONTH

# Year ended December 31, 2009

# (UNAUDITED)

Month_	Accounts with Water Service	Dollar Amount of Water Billings	Gallons of Water Billed	Gallons of Water Pumped
January	21,239	\$ 614,439	151,543,900	159,429,000
February	21,242	493,966	121,805,291	144,090,000
March	21,221	483,744	119,411,937	157,183,000
April	21,342	650,649	155,084,278	162,538,000
May	21,350	614,677	151,274,963	198,526,000
June	21,400	632,010	155,293,291	211,319,000
July	21,472	1,003,340	250,024,528	297,685,000
August	21,493	1,024,345	251,245,123	299,664,000
September	21,488	882,470	203,281,544	260,340,000
October	21,604	797,281	194,899,452	176,789,000
November	21,543	499,107	123,560,187	156,176,000
December	21,588	604,718	149,198,301	156,450,000
ADD:		\$ 8,300,746	2,026,622,795	2,380,189,000
Metered water for City (\$0.00)		-	17,668,000	-
Other non-billed water		<u> </u>	29,085,025	
Totals		\$ 8,300,746	2,073,375,820	<u>2,380,189,000</u>



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees West Des Moines Water Works

We have audited the financial statements of West Des Moines Water Works as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated April 5, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit we considered West Des Moines Water Works' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Water Works' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Water Works' internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the West Des Moines Water Works' internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the West Des Moines Water Works' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether West Des Moines Water Works' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial

statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the West Des Moines Water Works' operations for the year ended December 31, 2009 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Water Works. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and customers of the West Des Moines Water Works and other parties to whom the West Des Moines Water Works may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the West Des Moines Water Works during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Martens & Company, CPA, LLP

West Des Moines, Iowa

April 5, 2010

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

Year ended December 31, 2009

#### PART I: SUMMARY OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

- (1) An unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements.
- (2) No reportable conditions in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
- (3) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.

#### PART II: OTHER FINDINGS RELATED TO STATUTORY REPORTING:

- (1) <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements during the year ended December 31, 2009, did not exceed the amount budgeted.
- (2) <u>Questionable Expenditures</u> We noted no expenditures that we believe did not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- (3) <u>Travel Expenses</u> No disbursements of West Des Moines Water Works' money for travel expenses of spouses of West Des Moines Water Works' officials or employees were noted.
- (4) <u>Business Transactions</u> No business transactions between the West Des Moines Water Works and West Des Moines Water Works' officials or employees were noted.
- (5) <u>Bond Coverage</u> Surety Bond coverage of West Des Moines Water Works' officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure coverage is adequate for current operations.
- (6) <u>Board of Trustees Minutes</u> No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the trustee minutes but were not.
- (7) <u>Revenue Bonds</u> The Water Works has established the sinking and reserve accounts as required by the water revenue bond resolutions.
- (8) <u>Deposits and Investments</u> The West Des Moines Water Works has adopted a written investment policy as required by Chapter 128.10B of the Code of Iowa.